

Subject: Resources regarding Coronavirus

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Child care facilities working together with local health departments have an important role in helping to stop or slow the spread of respiratory infectious disease, including the Coronavirus. Here are a few ways you can help:

- Review and update your emergency preparedness plan as needed.
 - Make sure the plan ensures staff and children stay home when sick, appropriately covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, and washing hands often.
- Ensure handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Monitor and plan for absenteeism.
 - Review attendance and sick leave policies.
 - Identify critical job functions and positions, and plan for alternative coverage by cross-training staff.
- Remember to isolate ill children while waiting for parent/guardian to pick them up.
 - Share information with families to help them understand when to keep children home.
- Perform routine environmental cleaning.
 - Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, countertops) with cleaners typically used.

Please review the link below for information on the Coronavirus Disease from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The link contains additional information and links to resources for child care providers and parents.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-for-schools.html>

If you have any questions, please contact your local public health agency.